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SUBJECT: UNESCO MEETING ON MASS MEDIA PRINCIPLES DECLARATION

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1. FURTHER TEXT OF DECLARATION REFLECTING EXPERTS DISCUSSION IN MARCH 13 AND 14 SESSIONS OF SUBJECT MEETING IS TRANSMITTED HERewith. FINAL COMPLETE TEXT WILL BE AVAILABLE MARCH 15. SEPTELS FOLLOW FROM SALANS.

2. WHILE NOT YET PUT IN FINAL FORM, DRAFT DECLARATION TITLE CITED PARA 2 REFTEL (B) AND NEW LAST PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH WILL BE CHANGED TO REFLECT FOLLOWING LANGUAGE: DRAFT DECLARATION OF FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES CONCERNING THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND COMBATING WAR PROPAGANDA, RACIALISM AND APARTHEID BY THE MASS MEDIA.

3. NEW SECOND PREAMBULAR PARA HAS BEEN REVISED TO READ:
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QUOTE - RECALLING THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF

THE UN AS SPECIFIED IN THE CHARTER - END QUOTE

4. ON MARCH 15 WORKING GROUP INCLUDING SALANS AND SOVIET (KOSSOV) WROTE NEW ARTICLE TO BE PLACED NEAR END OF NEW DRAFT. THIS ARTICLE REPLACES OLD ARTICLE I OF ORIGINAL DRAFT, WHICH WILL BE:

QUOTE- THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A STATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL SPHERE FOR THE ACTION OF THE MASS MEDIA UNDER ITS JURISDICTION IS GOVERNED BY CUSTOMARY INTERNATIONAL LAW AND RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS - END QUOTE

5. SUBJECT FINAL MODIFICATION NEW ARTICLE 4 WILL BE:

QUOTE - THE MASS MEDIA SHOULD HELP PROMOTE THE BROADENING OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING, THE REDUCTION OF TENSIONS, AND THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES BETWEEN STATES NOT ONLY BY MEANS OF REPORTING TO OTHER NATIONS THE AIMS, ASPIRATIONS, NEEDS AND CULTURE OF THEIR OWN COUNTRY BUT ALSO BY PRESENTING THE AIMS, ASPIRATIONS, NEEDS AND CULTURE OF OTHER NATIONS TO THEIR OWN PUBLIC - END QUOTE

6. NEW ARTICLE 6 WILL READ:

QUOTE - RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND APARTHEID ARE CONTRARY TO INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS AND THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS; MASS MEDIA SHOULD, THEREFORE, ADOPT APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO AVOID INCITEMENT TO RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, ACTS OF VIOLENCE OR ENCOURAGEMENT OF SUCH ACTS AGAINST ANY GROUP OF PERSONS BECAUSE OF THEIR RACE, COLOR OR ETHNIC ORIGIN- END QUOTE

7. NO FINAL LANGUAGE YET ON OLD ARTICLE 7 BUT THERE IS GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT BASIC SUBSTANCE SHOULD BE RETAINED RE "RIGHT OF CORRECTION" WITH MODIFICATION OF "SERIOUS" INJURY INCLUDED AS RECOMMENDED IN SWISS (BOURGUIN) CONSULTANT'S COMMENTS ON ORIGINAL TEXT. HOWEVER THERE IS ALSO STRONG CONSENSUS THAT ARTICLE IS CLEARLY NOT INTENDED TO INCORPORATE BY IMPLICATION THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF CORRECTION.

8. OLD ARTICLE 8 HAS BEEN APPROVED LARGELY AS IS, SUBJECT FINAL REVISION BY SECRETARIAT BUT WITH INCLUSION OF ARGENTINE (WAVALA) CONCEPT THAT STATES ALSO SHOULD ENCOURAGE "FOSTERING OF UNCLASSIFIED

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MEDIA TECHNOLOGICAL INDEPENDENCE."

9. NEW ARTICLE 9, SUBJECT SECRETARIAT POLISHING, WILL BE:

QUOTE - EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO CREATE AND STRENGTHEN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ENSURE THAT THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE TO ACHIEVEMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS DECLARATION; EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE BY THEM ON A NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL TO ENCOURAGE HIGH ETHICAL STANDARDS

AND IMPROVE THE TECHNICAL TRAINING OF MEDIA PERSONNEL,
TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF THE MEDIA TO SPREAD IDEAS OF PEACE,
FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG NATONS - END QUOTE

10. OLD ARTICLE 10 APPROVED AS IS.

11. ENTIRELY NEW ARTICLE APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE THAT WILL
ENCOURAGE MASS MEDIA TO PROMOTE THE PRINCIPLES CONTAINED
IN ARTICLE 26 OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS RE
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